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2	FOR THE	DISTRICT OF HAWAII
3 4 5 6 7 8		) ) Honolulu, Hawaii ) August 31, 2020 ) ) VIDEOCONFERENCE INITIAL ) APPEARANCE, WAIVER OF ) INDICTMENT, ARRAIGNMENT, AND ) PLEA OF GUILTY TO THE FELONY ) INFORMATION
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- 1 MONDAY, AUGUST 31, 2020 11:00 A.M.
- THE COURTROOM MANAGER: Criminal No. 20-00681 LEK,
- 3 United States of America versus Nickie Mali Lum Davis.
- 4 This case has been called for an Initial Appearance,
- 5 Waiver of Indictment, Arraignment and Plea to the Felony
- 6 Information.
- 7 Counsel, please make your appearances for the record,
- 8 starting with the government, and please introduce Pretrial
- 9 Services.
- MR. KELLER: Good morning, Your Honor.
- John Keller on behalf of the government.
- 12 THE COURT: Good morning, Mr. Keller.
- 13 Mr. Sorenson?
- MR. SORENSON: Yes, Your Honor. Kenneth Sorenson
- 15 here on behalf of the United States. I think we have Diane
- 16 Arima-Linscott on the hearing as well.
- 17 THE COURT: All right. Good morning to both of you.
- 18 For the defense?
- MR. MCCORRISTON: May it please the Court, William
- 20 McCorriston and David Minkin with pro hac counsel, Mr. Lowell,
- 21 for Defendant Davis who is present on the videoconference.
- 22 THE COURT: All right. Good morning to all of you.
- Ms. Davis, can you hear us?
- 24 THE COURTROOM MANAGER: You're muted.
- THE DEFENDANT: I had a little trouble hearing

- 1 Mr. McCorriston speaking. If he could repeat what he said?
- THE COURT: All right. Mr. McCorriston?
- 3 MR. MCCORRISTON: Yes. William McCorriston and
- 4 David Minkin appearing on behalf of Ms. Davis. With us is pro
- 5 hac counsel, co-counsel, Mr. Lowell. And may the record also
- 6 reflect the appearance of Ms. Davis on the videoconference.
- 7 THE COURT: All right. Good morning to all of you.
- 8 Ms. Davis, are you consenting to have your change of plea
- 9 hearing by videoconference rather than by in person in court?
- 10 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, I do.
- 11 THE COURT: Then the court makes the following
- 12 findings: That on March 27, 2020, Congress passed the
- 13 Coronavirus Aid Relief and Economic Security Act known as
- 14 CARES. Under 15002(b) of the CARES Act, it finds that if the
- 15 Judicial Conference of the United States finds emergency
- 16 conditions due to the national emergency declared by the
- 17 President will materially affect functioning of the federal
- 18 courts, and the Chief Judge of the district court finds that
- 19 felony pleas under Rule 11 of the Federal Rules of Civil
- 20 Procedure cannot be conducted in person without seriously
- 21 jeopardizing public health and safety, and the district court
- 22 in the particular case finds specific reasons that the plea
- 23 cannot be further delayed without serious harm to the interest
- 24 of justice, then the plea may be conducted by videoconference.
- The court further finds that on August 13, 2020, the

- 1 Chief Judge of this district made the appropriate findings as
- 2 required under the CARES Act with regard to felony pleas under
- 3 Rule 11 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.
- 4 Therefore, the court finds that the sentencing -- excuse
- 5 me -- this change of plea hearing cannot be further delayed
- 6 without serious harm to the interest of justice. And my
- 7 specific reasons are that on August 13, 2020, the Chief
- 8 Judge of this court issued a Temporary General Order limiting
- 9 in-court hearings and delaying jury trials until October 13,
- 10 2020, and on August 18, 2020, Mayor Caldwell for the City and
- 11 County of Honolulu issued Emergency Order 2020-24 ordering
- 12 residents to stay at home.
- Based on all of this, the court concludes that the change
- 14 of plea hearing in this case cannot be further delayed without
- 15 serious harm to the interest of justice, and if the court were
- 16 to delay this hearing until it was held in person, it would add
- 17 to the backlog of this court.
- In addition, as to this specific case, the change of plea
- 19 hearing cannot be further delayed without serious harm to the
- 20 interests of justice.
- 21 In addition, the defendant, Ms. Davis, consents to
- 22 proceed by video teleconference.
- 23 All right. So we'll proceed then by videoconference for
- 24 the change of plea. And at any time if anyone, but
- 25 particularly Ms. Davis, cannot hear the court, please let me

- 1 know.
- 2 MR. KELLER: Your Honor, if I may?
- 3 THE COURT: Yes.
- 4 MR. KELLER: Just to add a couple of facts to the
- 5 record on the Court's specific factual findings.
- THE COURT: Yes?
- 7 MR. KELLER: According to the interests of justice
- 8 relating to this matter specifically, there is a defendant in a
- 9 related case who is cooperating with the government who pled
- 10 guilty nearly two years ago at this point, and his sentencing
- 11 remains delayed in part on resolution of Ms. Davis in this
- 12 matter.
- 13 There are also additional subjects whose -- against whom
- 14 charges may be filed and those charges are delayed again in
- 15 part pending formal resolution of Ms. Davis's status in this
- 16 matter. Just add those to the record to the Court's findings.
- 17 THE COURT: All right. Thank you very much.
- 18 The court adopts the representations -- Mr. McCorriston?
- MR. MCCORRISTON: Yes, Your Honor, one
- 20 clarification. This is the initial arraignment and plea on
- 21 this matter.
- 22 THE COURT: Thank you. Right. So she's going to
- 23 waive indictment -- her right to indictment and enter a plea to
- 24 the felony information, correct?
- MR. MCCORRISTON: Correct. Hopefully the Court has

- 1 these documents indicating that.
- THE COURT: I do. Thank you.
- 3 So, Ms. Davis, is it your intention today to plead guilty
- 4 with agreement with the United States? You're on mute.
- 5 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, Your Honor.
- 6 THE COURT: All right. Before I can accept your
- 7 guilty plea, I must know that you understand what you are
- 8 doing, that you are pleading guilty freely and voluntarily,
- 9 that there is a factual basis for your change of plea, and that
- 10 the ends of justice will be met by permitting you to change
- 11 your plea to guilty. To make these determinations, I do need
- 12 to ask you questions, and if at any time you do not hear or
- 13 understand the questions I ask of you, please say so.
- 14 Do you understand this?
- THE DEFENDANT: Yes.
- 16 THE COURT: All right. Ms. Elkington, if you would
- 17 please administer the oath to Ms. Davis.
- THE COURTROOM MANAGER: Thank you, Your Honor.
- 19 If you would please raise your right hand, Ms. Davis?
- 20 (The defendant was sworn.)
- THE DEFENDANT: Yes.
- THE COURTROOM MANAGER: Thank you.
- THE COURT: What is your full name?
- THE DEFENDANT: Nickie Mali Lum Davis.
- 25 THE COURT: All right. And how old are you?

- 1 THE DEFENDANT: 45.
- THE COURT: And how far have you gone in school?
- 3 THE DEFENDANT: I graduated with my BA.
- 4 THE COURT: All right. And you're able to read and
- 5 write in English, correct?
- THE DEFENDANT: Yes.
- 7 THE COURT: All right. Do you feel well and alert
- 8 today and able to understand what's going on?
- 9 THE DEFENDANT: Yes.
- 10 THE COURT: Have you taken any alcohol or medication
- 11 today?
- 12 THE DEFENDANT: Just a malaria -- my malaria
- 13 medicine.
- 14 THE COURT: And that's prophylactic; that's to
- 15 prevent you from contracting malaria if you travel to countries
- 16 that have it; is that correct?
- 17 THE DEFENDANT: Yeah. My last --
- 18 THE COURT: Does it -- does it affect your ability
- 19 to concentrate or make decisions?
- THE DEFENDANT: No.
- 21 THE COURT: Have you been treated recently for any
- 22 type of mental illness or addiction to narcotic drugs of any
- 23 kind?
- THE DEFENDANT: No.
- THE COURT: Counsel, to the best of your knowledge,

- 1 is your client fully competent to enter a valid plea here
- 2 today?
- 3 MR. MCCORRISTON: Yes, Your Honor.
- 4 THE COURT: The court finds that Ms. Davis is fully
- 5 competent and capable of entering a valid plea.
- Now, have you received a copy of the Information, that
- 7 is, the written charges pending against you in this case,
- 8 Ms. Davis?
- 9 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, I have.
- 10 THE COURT: And have you fully discussed those
- 11 charges and all the facts surrounding those charges with your
- 12 lawyers?
- 13 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, I have.
- 14 THE COURT: And are you fully satisfied with the
- 15 legal representation that you have received from your attorneys
- 16 in this case?
- 17 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, Your Honor.
- THE COURT: And, Mr. McCorriston, are you and your
- 19 co-counsel in agreement with your client's decision to plead
- 20 guilty today?
- 21 MR. MCCORRISTON: That's correct, Your Honor, we
- 22 are.
- THE COURT: All right. Ms. Davis, you have a
- 24 constitutional right to require a group of citizens called a
- 25 grand jury review your case and determine whether or not the

- 1 United States has presented sufficient evidence to bring
- 2 criminal charges against you. If the grand jury finds that the
- 3 evidence is sufficient, then it will return criminal charges
- 4 against you in the form of what's called an Indictment. If,
- 5 however, the grand jury finds that the evidence is not
- 6 sufficient because there's no probable cause to believe that
- 7 you committed the offenses set forth in the information, then
- 8 you would not be indicted.
- 9 If you waive or give up your right to grand jury review
- 10 of your case, the case will proceed against you as a criminal
- 11 proceeding on the United States Attorney's information just as
- 12 though you had been indicted by the grand jury.
- Do you understand your right to grand jury review of your
- 14 case?
- THE DEFENDANT: Yes, I do, Your Honor.
- 16 THE COURT: Did you have an opportunity to sign and
- 17 go over the Waiver of Indictment form and go over the rights
- 18 contained therein with your lawyers?
- 19 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, I did, Your Honor.
- 20 THE COURT: And did you sign the Waiver of
- 21 Indictment form after consulting with your lawyers?
- THE DEFENDANT: Yes, I did.
- THE COURT: All right. And, Mr. McCorriston, did
- 24 you go over this form with your client and are you fully
- 25 assured she understands it?

- 1 MR. MCCORRISTON: Mr. Lowell and I both went over
- 2 the form with the client, and we believe that she does
- 3 understand that it's voluntary.
- 4 THE COURT: All right. The court notes that there's
- 5 a Waiver of Indictment form that's been executed by
- 6 Mr. McCorriston and Ms. Davis. It's dated August 27, 2020.
- 7 The court is affixing its signature to the Waiver of
- 8 Indictment form and finds that Ms. Davis has knowingly agreed
- 9 to waive or give up her right to indictment and to proceed in
- 10 this matter based on the U.S. Attorney's information.
- 11 The court's also been provided with a Memorandum of Plea
- 12 Agreement. It's a written document and it has several pages.
- 13 The pages are numbered, and the last page is numbered 45. On
- 14 that page there are five signatures.
- Have you had an opportunity to review this document with
- 16 your lawyers before you signed it, Ms. Davis?
- 17 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, I have.
- 18 THE COURT: And is that your signature on the last
- 19 page?
- THE DEFENDANT: Yes.
- 21 THE COURT: You understand the terms of the plea
- 22 agreement?
- THE DEFENDANT: Yes, I do.
- 24 THE COURT: All right. So in the plea agreement,
- 25 you're agreeing to waive indictment and enter a voluntary plea

- 1 of quilty to an Information which charges you with aiding and
- 2 abetting violations of the Foreign Agents Registration Act,
- 3 Title 22, United States Code, Sections 612 and 618(a), for your
- 4 work on behalf of a foreign national and a foreign minister for
- 5 the purpose of lobbying the administration of the President of
- 6 the United States and the United States Department of Justice
- 7 to drop an investigation into the foreign national and arrange
- 8 for the removal and return of a separate foreign national to a
- 9 foreign nation.
- 10 Is that your understanding?
- 11 THE DEFENDANT: Yes.
- 12 THE COURT: And in return, the government agrees not
- 13 to prosecute you for additional violations of federal law based
- 14 on conduct now known to the government that's directly related
- 15 to the offense conduct set forth in your plea agreement; is
- 16 that correct?
- 17 THE DEFENDANT: Yes.
- 18 THE COURT: Is this plea agreement the only and
- 19 entire understanding that you have with the government?
- THE DEFENDANT: Yes.
- THE COURT: Has anyone made any other or different
- 22 promises or assurances of any kind to you in order to get you
- 23 to plead guilty?
- THE DEFENDANT: No.
- THE COURT: Has anyone attempted to threaten you or

- 1 pressure you in any way in order to force you to plead quilty?
- THE DEFENDANT: No.
- 3 THE COURT: So is it Mr. Keller or Mr. Sorenson
- 4 who'd like to go over the major terms of the plea agreement,
- 5 including any portion in which there's any appellate waivers?
- 6 MR. KELLER: Your Honor, I can handle that for the
- 7 government.
- 8 As Your Honor already noted, the critical provision is
- 9 Ms. Davis's Waiver of Indictment and agreement to plead guilty
- 10 to Count 1 of the Information in exchange for the government's
- 11 agreement not to bring any additional charges to her based on
- 12 conduct now known to the government directly related to the
- 13 facts contained in the factual basis which is at paragraph 8 of
- 14 the plea agreement.
- 15 Factual basis is a fairly lengthy recitation of
- 16 underlying facts in this matter and the affair offense and
- 17 Ms. Lum Davis's role aiding and abetting it.
- In addition to admitting the facts of the offense,
- 19 Ms. Davis does agree to waive her trial rights as is the
- 20 standard waiver under Rule 11, also does agree to waive
- 21 appellate rights, all appeal except the right to collaterally
- 22 attack her sentence on the grounds of ineffective assistance of
- 23 counsel. But other than that sole basis, Ms. Davis agrees to
- 24 waive her appellate rights as part of this agreement
- 25 With respect to sentencing, the parties do agree that

- 1 there is no sentencing guideline that directly applies to the
- 2 offensive conviction. Ms. Davis understands that that is the
- 3 parties' agreement and recommendation, but that that
- 4 recommendation is not binding upon the Court, and agrees that
- 5 she will not have the right to -- to appeal her sentence unless
- 6 the Court were to find that the -- that the guidelines did
- 7 apply to the offense and was to sentence Ms. Lum Davis above
- 8 any guideline range that the Court were to calculate
- 9 Ms. Davis also agrees to forfeiture in the amount of
- 10 \$3 million reflecting the minimum proceeds of the offense.
- 11 And I believe those are the key provisions of the plea
- 12 agreement, Your Honor
- 13 THE COURT: All right. Thank you very much.
- 14 Ms. Davis, what Mr. Keller has just explained to the
- 15 court, is that what you understand to be your agreement with
- 16 the government?
- 17 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, Your Honor.
- 18 THE COURT: Do you understand that the possible
- 19 penalties that apply to your case are as follows:
- a term of imprisonment of zero to 5 years;
- 21 a fine from zero to \$10,000;
- 22 plus a term of supervised release from zero to 3 years;
- in addition, there's a mandatory \$100 special assessment
- 24 fee, and this could also include the -- the penalties would
- 25 also include forfeitures of any proceeds that you received as a

- 1 result of the offense conduct?
- 2 Do you understand these are the possible penalties that
- 3 would face you if you enter a guilty plea to the charges in the
- 4 Information?
- 5 THE DEFENDANT: Yes.
- 6 THE COURT: All right. During a period of
- 7 supervised release, you must comply with a set of conditions.
- 8 These will be explained to you by a probation officer. These
- 9 conditions include that you obey the law, that you report to
- 10 the probation officer as required, and additional conditions.
- 11 If the court finds that you violated any of these
- 12 conditions during your supervised release, you could be ordered
- 13 to serve additional prison time.
- 14 Do you understand this?
- 15 THE DEFENDANT: Yes.
- 16 THE COURT: Are you presently on probation, parole,
- 17 or supervised release from any other case?
- 18 THE DEFENDANT: No.
- 19 THE COURT: Mr. Keller, does the United States
- 20 contend today that any felony offense to which she is today
- 21 pleading guilty occurred while she was out on bond in relation
- 22 to some other federal criminal charge?
- MR. KELLER: No, Your Honor.
- 24 THE COURT: Ms. Davis, are you a citizen of the
- 25 United States?

- 1 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, I am.
- 2 THE COURT: If convicted of the charges in this
- 3 case, you may lose valuable civil rights, including the right
- 4 to vote, the right to serve on a jury, the right to hold public
- 5 office, and the right to possess any kind of firearm.
- 6 Do you understand this?
- 7 THE DEFENDANT: Yes.
- 8 THE COURT: And if you plead guilty, the court will
- 9 likely require you to forfeit property to the United States.
- 10 Do you understand this?
- 11 THE DEFENDANT: Yes.
- 12 THE COURT: The United States Sentencing Commission
- 13 has issued guidelines for judges to consider in determining
- 14 sentences in cases such as yours. Have you and your lawyers
- 15 discussed these guidelines and how they may apply to your case?
- 16 THE DEFENDANT: Yes.
- 17 THE COURT: Before I can determine your quideline
- 18 sentence range, if any of the guidelines apply in your
- 19 particular offense, the presentence report has to be completed.
- 20 You and your lawyer and the government lawyers will have an
- 21 opportunity to read that draft report. In the report it'll
- 22 contain information about you, your background, information
- 23 about the offense, and also a recommendation by the probation
- 24 officer as to how the guidelines or some of the applications in
- 25 the quidelines should be used in determining an appropriate

- 1 sentence for you.
- 2 And an appropriate sentence under the law is one that is
- 3 sufficient, but not greater than necessary, to meet the goals
- 4 of sentencing, and these include just punishment for the
- 5 offense to which you're today pleading guilty, and an
- 6 opportunity for rehabilitation.
- 7 Once this report is completed and finalized, we'll have
- 8 the sentencing hearing, and it's only at that time that I'll be
- 9 able to determine -- make determinations with regard to any
- 10 guideline applications.
- 11 Do you understand this?
- 12 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, I do, Your Honor.
- THE COURT: Do you understand that any sentence I
- 14 impose may be different from any estimates you and your lawyers
- 15 may have discussed?
- 16 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, Your Honor.
- 17 THE COURT: Also, after your guideline range has
- 18 been determined, I do have the authority to depart from that
- 19 quideline range, if quidelines apply to your -- calculation of
- 20 your sentence in this case, and I can depart from the
- 21 quidelines and impose a sentence that might be more severe or
- 22 less severe than what's set forth in the guidelines.
- Do you understand this?
- THE DEFENDANT: Yes, Your Honor.
- THE COURT: I'm also going to make decisions with

- 1 regard to an appropriate sentence based on the admissions of
- 2 fact that you make at today's hearing. So while you don't have
- 3 to admit to anything you don't agree with the government on, if
- 4 you do admit to certain facts, I can rely on those admissions
- 5 and as a result your sentence might be increased.
- 6 Do you understand this?
- 7 THE DEFENDANT: Yes.
- 8 THE COURT: If your sentence is more severe than you
- 9 expected, you're still going to be bound by your plea. Even if
- 10 you don't like the sentence I imposed, you won't be able to
- 11 take it back at that time. So the time to make that decision
- 12 whether to plead quilty or not is now.
- 13 You understand this?
- 14 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, Your Honor.
- THE COURT: Parole has been abolished in the federal
- 16 system. If you are sentenced to prison, you're not going to be
- 17 released on parole.
- 18 Do you understand this?
- 19 THE DEFENDANT: Yes.
- 20 THE COURT: You have certain constitutional rights
- 21 that you give up by pleading guilty, and I have to go over
- 22 those rights with you now.
- You have the right to plead not guilty and to continue or
- 24 persist in that plea
- 25 You would then have the right to trial by jury.

- 1 At trial, you'd have the right to have a lawyer represent
- 2 you and defend you, a right to see and hear all witnesses, a
- 3 right to testify or remain silent and not testify, a right to
- 4 have your lawyers cross-examine any witnesses, and the right to
- 5 have subpoenas issued for any witnesses you wish to call in
- 6 your defense.
- 7 At trial, you'd be presumed to be innocent and the United
- 8 States would have the burden of proving you guilty beyond a
- 9 reasonable doubt.
- Before you can be convicted, all 12 jurors must be
- 11 convinced that the United States met that burden.
- 12 And if you are found quilty after a trial, you'd be able
- 13 to appeal your conviction to a higher court. And if you could
- 14 not afford to pay the cost of such an appeal, the government
- 15 would pay those costs for you.
- Do you understand that you have all of these rights,
- 17 including the right to trial?
- 18 THE DEFENDANT: Yes.
- 19 THE COURT: If you plead guilty, however, and if I
- 20 accept your guilty plea, there'll be no trial and you'll be
- 21 waiving or giving up all the rights, including the right to
- 22 trial that I just described.
- Do you understand this?
- THE DEFENDANT: Yes, Your Honor.
- THE COURT: As long as you plead not guilty, you

- 1 also have the right to remain silent. But should you choose to
- 2 plead guilty today, I will ask you to tell me in a little bit
- 3 what it is that you did that makes you guilty of the offense in
- 4 the Information, and you have to answer truthfully even if your
- 5 answers establish that you committed a crime.
- 6 Do you understand this?
- 7 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, I do, Your Honor.
- 8 THE COURT: Mr. Keller, at this time, if you would
- 9 summarize for the court and Ms. Davis the elements that the
- 10 government would have to prove if this matter went to trial,
- 11 including any for sentencing purposes.
- MR. KELLER: Yes, Your Honor.
- 13 First, the government would have to prove that the
- 14 defendant acted in the United States as an agent of a foreign
- 15 principal;
- Second, that the defendant failed to file a registration
- 17 statement with the FARA Unit of the Department of Justice;
- 18 And third, that the defendant acted willfully.
- 19 THE COURT: All right. Mr. McCorriston, do you
- 20 disagree in any respect as to that summary?
- MR. MCCORRISTON: Your Honor, I do not, but I'll ask
- 22 Mr. Lowell if he will confirm that.
- MR. LOWELL: Your Honor, just to be as accurate as
- 24 we can be, Ms. Davis is charged with 18 United States Code,
- 25 Section 2, with a violation of 22 United States Code, 612 and

- 1 618, as you have indicated, and so the element that Mr. Keller
- 2 would have to prove is that Ms. Davis aided and abetted the
- 3 violations of the three elements that he just said, and in that
- 4 way we agree.
- 5 THE COURT: Thank you for that clarification.
- Do you disagree in any respect, Mr. Keller?
- 7 MR. KELLER: No, Your Honor.
- 8 THE COURT: All right. Ms. Davis, do you fully
- 9 understand if there were a trial on the charge, the United
- 10 States would be required to present witnesses and physical
- 11 evidence necessary to prove each of those essential elements
- 12 beyond a reasonable doubt before you can be convicted?
- THE DEFENDANT: Yes, I do, Your Honor.
- 14 THE COURT: All right. Turning to the plea
- 15 agreement, at paragraph 8 of the plea agreement, there is quite
- 16 a lengthy summary of the facts upon which the plea is based.
- 17 Factual stipulations start at page 4 under paragraph 8.
- 18 Have you read carefully through this section of the plea
- 19 agreement? I'm sorry; you're on mute.
- THE DEFENDANT: Yes, I have, Your Honor.
- 21 THE COURT: Are those facts true in every respect?
- THE DEFENDANT: Yes, Your Honor.
- THE COURT: Tell me what it is that you did that
- 24 makes you guilty of aiding/abetting in the offense that you've
- 25 been charged with.

- 1 THE DEFENDANT: Your Honor, in 2017 and 2018, I
- 2 started working with the others who are described in
- 3 paragraph 8 of the plea agreement to aid and assist their
- 4 efforts to work for the foreign nationals also described in the
- 5 agreement.
- I knew that work would include the others contacting
- 7 officials in the U.S. government. I also knew that the Foreign
- 8 Agent Registration Act required disclosure of such contact
- 9 unless there were exceptions that applied.
- 10 As the work continued on, I realized that the contacts
- 11 being made required registration under FARA, but I deliberately
- 12 avoided taking the steps necessary that might confirm what I
- 13 had suspected, that registration was required. I then
- 14 willfully failed to register
- THE COURT: All right. And when you took these
- 16 actions, were you in the United States?
- 17 THE DEFENDANT: Yes.
- 18 THE COURT: Okay. Is there anything else,
- 19 Mr. Keller, that you'd like me to go over with Ms. Davis?
- MR. KELLER: No, Your Honor. I believe -- I believe
- 21 that provides a sufficient factual basis for the offense.
- THE COURT: Mr. McCorriston, are you aware of any
- 23 reason why the court should not accept your client's plea of
- 24 guilty to the one count in the Information?
- 25 MR. MCCORRISTON: I have none.

- 1 THE COURT: I'm going to ask you now, Ms. Davis,
- 2 with regard to the charge against you which charges you -- the
- 3 Information, which charges you with aiding and abetting
- 4 violations of the Foreign Agents Registration Act, Title 22,
- 5 United States Code, Sections 612 and 618(a), for your work on
- 6 behalf of a foreign national and a foreign minister for the
- 7 purpose of lobbying the administration of the President of the
- 8 United States and the United States Department of Justice to
- 9 drop an investigation into the foreign national and arrange for
- 10 the removal and return of a separate foreign national to a
- 11 foreign nation, how do you plead to this charge? Guilty or not
- 12 quilty?
- THE DEFENDANT: Guilty, Your Honor.
- 14 THE COURT: The court finds that Ms. Davis is fully
- 15 competent and capable of entering an informed plea, that her
- 16 plea of guilty is knowing and voluntary and contains admissions
- 17 of fact containing each of the essential elements of the
- 18 offense charged against her in the Information.
- I therefore accept her plea of guilty to the Information.
- I reserve acceptance of the plea agreement until after
- 21 the Presentence Investigation and Report is received and
- 22 reviewed by the court.
- Further, any acceptance of the plea agreement will not
- 24 include any waiver of prosecutorial misconduct or judge-created
- 25 error not known by Ms. Davis at the time of pleading guilty.

- So, Ms. Davis, I'm ordering our probation to prepare the
- 2 Presentence Investigation Report. This is the document about
- 3 you and your case. They -- it will assist me in determining
- 4 your sentence.
- 5 The probation officer will need to interview you. If you
- 6 wish, your attorneys can be present during that interview.
- 7 Once that report's completed, you'll be able to review a draft
- 8 or file any comments or objections to the contents of that
- 9 report.
- 10 And before I decide your sentence, your attorney and the
- 11 attorneys for the government will be able to speak with regard
- 12 to what is an appropriate sentence for you. You yourself will
- 13 be given an opportunity to speak on your behalf, if you wish.
- 14 If you choose not to, it certainly won't be held against you.
- 15 And then I'll take all of that information and use it to
- 16 fashion a sentence that is sufficient, but not greater than
- 17 necessary, to meet the goals of sentencing
- 18 All right. So I do have the Pretrial Services' report in
- 19 this matter. We need to address her presentence status. Any
- 20 corrections or objections to anything in the report?
- MR. MCCORRISTON: No, Your Honor.
- 22 MR. LOWELL: I'm sorry. Mr. McCorriston, you want
- 23 to start and give it to me or how do you want to proceed?
- 24 THE COURT: Well, first of all, where's Ms. Davis's
- 25 primary residence? Is it here in Hawaii or is it in Beverly

- 1 Hills?
- 2 MR. MCCORRISTON: Currently her primary residence is
- 3 in Los Angeles, although she does have a home in Hawaii as
- 4 well.
- 5 THE COURT: Okay. My concern is if she's spending
- 6 the majority -- so what's the split of her time between L.A.
- 7 and Honolulu? It makes no sense for our people to be
- 8 supervising her if the majority of time is going to be in
- 9 Central District.
- 10 MR. MCCORRISTON: I -- her daughter, who's in first
- 11 grade, is at home and school at California. So at least for
- 12 the school year her primary residence is going to be in
- 13 California.
- 14 THE COURT: All right. Well, is she an in-person or
- 15 is she doing it distance? 'Cause she can be in Hawaii if she's
- 16 doing it distance.
- 17 THE DEFENDANT: It's half and half.
- 18 THE COURT: It's half and half? Okay. So she is
- 19 partly in person.
- THE DEFENDANT: Uh-huh.
- 21 THE COURT: All right. And today, Ms. Davis, are
- 22 you in Honolulu or are you in Los Angeles?
- THE DEFENDANT: I'm in Los Angeles, Your Honor.
- 24 THE COURT: All right. So -- and why that's
- 25 relevant is that for her to be able to execute the bond and the

- 1 conditions of release, you know, normally we would send her to
- 2 the marshals here in the District of Hawaii, but if she's not
- 3 here, then, you know, Pretrial Services is going to have to
- 4 make arrangements with, you know, the Central District of
- 5 California and their Marshals Services.
- 6 MR. LOWELL: Your Honor, may I jump in and -- for
- 7 clarification on that?
- 8 THE COURT: Yes.
- 9 MR. LOWELL: Thank you. Yes, Your Honor's exactly
- 10 correct. We have talked to the government about all these
- 11 matters because as you can see from the plea agreement,
- 12 Ms. Davis has been and is in a cooperation mode with the
- 13 government. And given her location, depending on what Your
- 14 Honor wants, given the issues of what will be the release
- 15 conditions, she can certainly keep in touch with the Pretrial
- 16 Services office in Hawaii no matter where she is, as something
- 17 that might make sense given that that's where you are.
- And then in terms of processing, we understood that we
- 19 need to make arrangements with the individual marshal and/or
- 20 other officials in Los Angeles, which we would do subsequent to
- 21 our hearing today, figuring we'll work with government,
- 22 Mr. Keller and Mr. Sorenson and their colleagues in Los Angeles
- 23 as to how to get that done.
- 24 THE COURT: Well, the problem that I have is how are
- 25 my Hawaii people supposed to do a home inspection in Beverly

- 1 Hills?
- 2 MR. LOWELL: Understand that. That certainly would
- 3 need to be done at the location that she's going to be -- at
- 4 least the L.A. part, with whatever they need to do in L.A., and
- 5 we'll make arrangements for that given that there will be over
- 6 the course of time locations both.
- 7 In terms of, for example, sentencing, et cetera, Your
- 8 Honor, as you will imagine -- Mr. Keller will be able to speak
- 9 to this better than I -- there is going to be work to be done
- 10 before that day occurs, and if there's supposed to be
- 11 inspections, then I suspect Hawaii will look at the Hawaii
- 12 residence and will figure out with you or Pretrial Services who
- 13 in Los Angeles should be involved.
- On the other hand, because the conditions are going to,
- 15 we hope, be recommended by the government and Pretrial Services
- 16 are of the kind there won't be as much work necessary as there
- 17 might be in other cases.
- THE COURT: Right. I mean, it's not like she's
- 19 going to have to go through drug testing. That certainly
- 20 hasn't been recommended.
- 21 But my concern with regard to that is if we have to ask
- 22 for courtesy supervision through the Central District, you
- 23 know, they don't have to accept it. If so, then she's going to
- 24 be ordered to stay within the District of Hawaii and she'll
- 25 have to primarily be here. That's what the problem is with

- 1 regard to that.
- 2 All right. So what I propose is that we go forward
- 3 today, we set the conditions of release, and then our Pretrial
- 4 Services then will discuss with Ms. Davis and determine whether
- 5 or not they're going to have to seek courtesy supervision
- 6 through the District of -- Central District of California.
- 7 So between now and the end of the school year, I mean
- 8 until the holidays for sure, it's going to be a hundred percent
- 9 then in the District of -- of the Central District?
- MR. MCCORRISTON: Well, that brings up with regard
- 11 to Ms. Davis's business and her passport, she has a company
- 12 that does work in foreign countries. We've talked to the
- 13 government about Ms. Davis keeping her passport --
- 14 THE COURT: Absolutely not. Absolutely not.
- 15 Absolutely not. No foreign travel. And if you guys are going
- 16 to ask for foreign travel, the passport's going to stay with
- 17 Pretrial Services. If you want foreign travel, you have to
- 18 file a motion and you have to have a specific reason where
- 19 she's going to be, why she's traveling there, every place she's
- 20 going to stay, when she's going to get there, and when she's
- 21 going to come back -- all right? -- every time.
- MR. LOWELL: Judge, I hear you, but can I just --
- THE COURT: You know, you got to pick one of you to
- 24 address this. I'm not going to address like five different
- 25 people talking on her behalf. All right. So it's either

- 1 Mr. Lowell or Mr. McCorriston. Who's it going to be with
- 2 regard to the Pretrial Services?
- 3 MR. MCCORRISTON: Okay. Mr. Lowell.
- 4 MR. LOWELL: I'm sorry, Judge. I was waiting to
- 5 understand how you wanted to proceed on this.
- I just -- before Your Honor puts any pen to paper at
- 7 least, the government and we addressed the issue. And then
- 8 whatever the judge -- whatever you rule, you rule.
- 9 Even as recently as last week, in the mode of Ms. Davis
- 10 working with the government, she was out of the United States
- 11 doing her business. Her business is international in nature,
- 12 and --
- 13 THE COURT: I'm sorry, Mr. Lowell, let me just
- 14 interrupt there. Last week she was not under Pretrial Services
- 15 conditions because I hadn't imposed any. So I don't care what
- 16 you and the government have agreed to. This is my obligation
- 17 to secure the safety of the community as well as the risk of
- 18 nonappearance.
- MR. LOWELL: Right.
- THE COURT: So whatever deals you have with the
- 21 government, the government wants her to travel all over the
- 22 world because she's cooperating, that's their kuleana. Okay?
- But my kuleana is to look at safety of the community and
- 24 the risk of nonappearance. So what I'm telling you is I don't
- 25 care that Mr. Keller wants her or has no problem with her

- 1 running around the world; she's not going to do it while she's
- 2 on pretrial release in this case. This is a serious offense
- 3 and, you know, why should she be treated because she has money
- 4 and position better than the other defendants that we have who
- 5 have other kinds of offenses? We don't let them travel, even
- 6 domestically, without prior approval of the court. They don't
- 7 keep their passports. So that's not going to happen.
- 8 MR. LOWELL: Then I -- I know that you've already
- 9 made your statements, but I'd still like the Court to have the
- 10 benefit of a few more sentences, if you'll let me.
- 11 THE COURT: I will. But I just want to let you know
- 12 that I'm not going to approve any foreign travel without having
- 13 the specifics of the travel, and she's not going to keep her
- 14 passport. It's going to be kept in the District of Hawaii.
- 15 MR. LOWELL: I understand. And of course --
- THE COURT: If you want to make your record and you
- 17 want to take an appeal later on after, you know, she's been
- 18 sentenced, you can.
- MR. LOWELL: Mostly I just want the Court to have
- 20 all the facts, and that's what I'm seeking today. And it won't
- 21 take me very long just to lay some of those facts on you.
- I couldn't agree more with the Court's decision as to
- 23 what basis release is supposed to be determined on, which are
- 24 two factors: danger to the community and risk of flight. And
- 25 it is not that I have any deal with Mr. Keller or Mr. Sorenson,

- 1 but they could address the issue of whether she is a risk of
- 2 flight or whether she's a danger to the community.
- We're not asking that she be treated differently or
- 4 specially based on either her education or her income. We're
- 5 basically asking that she be treated the same based on the
- 6 factors of whether she's a flight risk and whether she's a
- 7 danger to the community. And the government and we agree about
- 8 that.
- 9 As to your restrictions, we had said to the government
- 10 and Pretrial Services she certainly would need to seek for
- 11 international travel notice and approval. We thought it was of
- 12 Pretrial Services. We didn't know it would be of the Court.
- 13 We were going to notice the government and Pretrial Services,
- 14 and that seemed perfectly reasonable.
- In terms of passports, I have in my possession now, as
- 16 counsel, the passports of other people that I am advising, with
- 17 the approval of the government and Pretrial Services for any
- 18 international travel that's noticed and approved; that's where
- 19 they can get it just as a matter of convenience. As an
- 20 example, she's going to be in Los Angeles for the betterment of
- 21 this period of time, then her passport could be either in the
- 22 possession, I guess, of Pretrial Services there, or we, as
- 23 custodians, as I've done in so many other cases, Judge, counsel
- 24 would hold it pending the approval of that travel by Pretrial
- 25 Services and the government.

- 1 But I wanted to address the issue of flight risk and
- 2 danger because at least there, the government, who has known of
- 3 Ms. Davis and known what she has been doing, can address that,
- 4 if Your Honor wants.
- 5 But those are the two issues. And I didn't want to be
- 6 misunderstood that I was seeking anything special. I just
- 7 wanted to address those issues because those are the factors as
- 8 you pointed out.
- 9 THE COURT: Thank you. I do think you're asking for
- 10 special conditions because we don't have that for almost any
- 11 other defendant that's in the District of Hawaii. They don't
- 12 get to travel without prior court approval.
- And I need to correct you too if you're under the
- 14 impression that she can travel other than between Hawaii and
- 15 California 'cause she can't. She can't go to Nevada. She
- 16 can't go to, you know, DC or any other place
- MR. LOWELL: Well, Judge, could I address that in
- 18 terms of counsel? My offices are in Washington and New York,
- 19 and she and I -- and Mr. Keller is in Washington where she will
- 20 likely want to have meetings. We understood that those travels
- 21 should be included. We also thought that to the extent that,
- 22 for example, she's got ill relatives in Kansas and a sister in
- 23 Connecticut, again as long as it's listed and as long as it's
- 24 with notice, and again given that she's no risk of flight, why
- 25 would it not be possible to enumerate those places, especially

- 1 those where counsel are, the government are, and where the two
- 2 family members are, in addition to Hawaii and California?
- 3 Again, it would be with notice and I don't know that anybody
- 4 would object.
- 5 THE COURT: Well, it will be with notice and it will
- 6 be with approval of Pretrial Services. So you can't do it
- 7 without approval of Pretrial Services, domestically.
- 8 MR. LOWELL: Okay. I understand what you're saying.
- 9 I just wanted to put on the record --
- 10 THE COURT: I'm sorry. I'm sorry. You can't have
- 11 it without my approval, domestically and foreign travel. So if
- 12 she wants to go to Kansas, then you guys got to file a motion,
- 13 got to give me exactly where she's going to be, who she's going
- 14 to be with, what are the dates of travel, when is she going to
- 15 return, and then I'll look at it and I'll approve it.
- MR. LOWELL: And with respect to meetings with
- 17 counsel --
- 18 THE COURT: Same thing.
- MR. LOWELL: -- and with the government?
- THE COURT: Same thing.
- MR. LOWELL: We need your approval for that?
- 22 THE COURT: Yes. If she wants to go outside of the
- 23 states of California and Hawaii, then you need to get court
- 24 approval from me, and then Pretrial Services will be directed
- 25 to permit it.

- I think flights go both ways, so if you guys want to fly
- 2 to her and for some reason I don't approve it or you can't get
- 3 the request to me, I think that's something that you might be
- 4 able to do.
- 5 MR. LOWELL: Well, I understand your point. I hope
- 6 you'd be -- consider when we have those needs and the
- 7 government has those needs, you'll hear us out as to the best
- 8 way to accomplish those.
- 9 THE COURT: Absolutely. I don't think -- obviously
- 10 that's a perfectly legitimate purpose, and as long as those
- 11 dates are enumerated and, you know, I'll consult whether there
- 12 needs to be an ankle bracelet or whatever other recommendations
- 13 that might be made, we'll take a look at that, like we do in
- 14 every other case, whether it's a drug, you know, trafficking
- 15 charge or a tax fraud or what have you. We do this in almost
- 16 every case that I've had.
- 17 MR. LOWELL: Of course. And again, you set it out
- 18 and I tried to be responsive to Your Honor that the factors
- 19 that look into consideration of these conditions, like the
- 20 unsecured bond, whatever travel restrictions, reporting to
- 21 Pretrial Services, are really just based on your two factors:
- 22 Is she a risk of flight? Is she in any way a danger to
- 23 community?
- I guess the government, as I said, could respond to both
- 25 as well. But I appreciate your -- what you've said to us. I

- 1 just needed to make sure that I, as counsel, explain some of
- 2 the things I've explained, including how she has behaved over
- 3 the last months while she knows that this was happening, how I
- 4 am located, where Mr. Keller is located, in addition to Hawaii
- 5 and California, and where family members that are located. And
- 6 if in all those Your Honor seeks us to put you on notice and
- 7 seek your approval, of course that's what we'll do. I just
- 8 wanted to put on the record the states and the two factors and
- 9 to assure you, as I've assured Pretrial and as Ms. Davis has
- 10 and as the government would, our view on those two critical
- 11 factors.
- 12 THE COURT: Thank you. And my view on the critical
- 13 factors is she is a high risk of nonappearance. She has
- 14 foreign travel. She has access to, you know, finances that
- 15 could finance and she could disappear. That's not often what
- 16 we see on the charges in the defendants that are brought in
- 17 this district.
- I agree on the danger to the community in terms of
- 19 violence, that's on the low end, but the reasons for requiring
- 20 the travel restrictions is because the court's determination is
- 21 that she has a high risk of nonappearance
- 22 MR. LOWELL: Again, Judge, I appreciate your -- I'm
- 23 sorry. Are you still there?
- THE COURT: Yes.
- MR. LOWELL: I'm sorry. I appreciate your view, but

- 1 you'll understand, with deep respect, given her lack of a
- 2 criminal record, cooperation with the government, her
- 3 performance over the last months, her having a 6-year-old
- 4 daughter extent in the United States, her relatives including
- 5 those who are ill, her ties both in terms of job, education,
- 6 property, when you say she's a "high risk," I just have to,
- 7 because I would be faulty in my job if I didn't say, that I
- 8 think that the record would not support that conclusion.
- 9 However, having said that, if you understand that what
- 10 we're seeking is the ability for her to perform under the plea
- 11 agreement and have the need to contact Pretrial Services and
- 12 you, that's what we'll do. I hope you'll then be able to see
- 13 that she is not anything close to what you said, and we'll go
- 14 from there.
- THE COURT: Well, with all due respect, Mr. Lowell,
- 16 I disagree with you completely, and it's my determination that
- 17 she is a high risk of nonappearance. She has access, again I
- 18 said, to great finances. This is a serious charge that most
- 19 likely will involve some prison time. So I'm sure she's not
- 20 going to be -- you know, and she has access to foreign travel
- 21 very easily.
- There are many defendants in our district who've never
- 23 traveled from this island, much less to a neighbor island. So
- 24 I don't worry about them, you know, going to some country that
- 25 we don't have some kind of treaty with, whether they'll bring

- 1 them back to stand trial.
- 2 So, you know, this is the court's determination. You're
- 3 not in front of a magistrate judge where you're going to be
- 4 able to appeal this to a district judge. So with Mr. Lowell,
- 5 I'm sorry; that's the determination and I'm going to impose
- 6 that. And I don't know what you're going to tell me -- that
- 7 she's going to perform really well on these conditions? Yeah,
- 8 she's going to perform well because she's going to have to run
- 9 by all of her outside travel between other than the State of
- 10 Hawaii and California, and that's why she's not going to
- 11 disappear, hopefully.
- 12 Now, if there are more restrictive conditions that have
- 13 to be imposed, I'll be open to that.
- 14 MR. LOWELL: Can the government be heard on this as
- 15 well, Judge?
- 16 THE COURT: I don't know what they're going to add,
- 17 but if they feel that they need to add something on it, I'm
- 18 happy to hear about it.
- MR. KELLER: Your Honor, I'm happy just to clarify a
- 20 couple points. One is government is not requesting any
- 21 international travel as part of Ms. Lum Davis's cooperation. I
- 22 just wanted to make sure the record was clear on that.
- The government's understanding is that Ms. Lum Davis does
- 24 have certain business ventures that involve international
- 25 travel, and primarily because of the government's understanding

- 1 that she was going to be based out of L.A., the government was
- 2 open to the potential for her passport not to be so difficult
- 3 for her to obtain practically if the Court were to approve any
- 4 international travel in terms of her business interests. So
- 5 that was the basis for the government's nonopposition to her
- 6 maintaining control of her passport, not that she'd be able to
- 7 travel without permission of the Court. But if the Court were
- 8 to grant her permission, that it might be difficult for her to
- 9 actually retrieve her passport if she's in L.A. and the
- 10 passport is in Hawaii.
- 11 That's -- that's all the government has to add, Your
- 12 Honor
- THE COURT: Well, I'm willing to have it, if we're
- 14 going to get courtesy supervision through the Central District,
- 15 with her passport being held at the Central District Pretrial
- 16 Services; otherwise, it'll be with Pretrial Services at the
- 17 District of Hawaii.
- But again, I don't know that she's going to -- they're
- 19 going to accept courtesy supervision. So it really depends on
- 20 the Central District of California Pretrial Services. If they
- 21 do, then I don't have a problem with them holding the passport
- 22 rather than the District of Hawaii Pretrial Services.
- MR. KELLER: Understood.
- 24 THE COURT: All right. So these are the conditions
- 25 of your release.

- 1 The court has considered your individualized risk factors
- 2 and totality of the circumstances and finds there's a special
- 3 need for the restrictive conditions in order to reasonably
- 4 assure your appearance as required and the safety of any other
- 5 person or the community.
- 6 Further, the court finds these restrictive conditions are
- 7 consistent with 18 U.S.C., Section 3142(c)(1)(B).
- 8 There'll be an unsecured bond that you'll execute in the
- 9 amount of \$100,000.
- 10 You are to comply with Pretrial Services supervision and
- 11 abide by all conditions of release as directed by Pretrial
- 12 Services.
- 13 You are required to inform Pretrial Services within
- 14 24 hours of any contact with law enforcement, including, but
- 15 not limited to, any arrests, questioning; excludes incident
- 16 offense or traffic stop.
- 17 You're to surrender any passport and all travel documents
- 18 to the United States Pretrial Services office. If courtesy
- 19 supervision is approved by the Central District of California,
- 20 then that will be their U.S. Probation and Pretrial Services
- 21 office. If not, then that'll be surrendered to U.S. Pretrial
- 22 Services Honolulu for the District of Hawaii.
- Do not apply for or obtain a passport. If not convicted,
- 24 the passport will be returned to you, unless there's need for
- 25 evidentiary purposes.

- 1 If convicted, Pretrial Services will transfer the
- 2 passport to the probation office upon disposition of this case,
- 3 unless otherwise directed by the court.
- 4 Surrender no later than September 11, 2020. Travel is
- 5 restricted to the states of Hawaii and California. You must
- 6 notify Pretrial Services in advance of any travel between
- 7 Hawaii and California.
- 8 All other domestic and foreign travel requires advance
- 9 approval of the court by motion.
- 10 Contact is prohibited directly or indirectly through
- 11 third parties with co-defendants, co-conspirators, or witnesses
- 12 in this or any related case. U.S. Attorney's office will
- 13 provide Pretrial Services with initial and updated lists of
- 14 names of persons with whom contact is prohibited.
- You are prohibited from owning, possessing, or
- 16 controlling any firearm or ammunition. Immediately surrender
- 17 all firearms and ammunition to an agent approved by Pretrial
- 18 Services.
- 19 Provide Pretrial Services with any and all requested
- 20 financial information regarding your financial status,
- 21 including, but not limited to, employment and all sources of
- 22 income, bank accounts, assets and liabilities, and investments.
- 23 You are required to sign and execute an authorization to
- 24 release financial information as requested by Pretrial
- 25 Services.

- 1 Pretrial Services is authorized to run credit checks on a
- 2 random and as-needed basis during the course of supervision to
- 3 ensure compliance with pretrial release conditions. You're
- 4 required to sign and execute any necessary release forms,
- 5 including, but not limited to, an authorization to release
- 6 financial information as requested by Pretrial Services.
- 7 In conjunction with the Ho'okele program, the court
- 8 authorizes the defendant to participate in voluntary stress and
- 9 anxiety counseling as arranged by Pretrial Services.
- 10 You are to comply with the condition -- or the provisions
- 11 of the Foreign Agents Registration Act.
- 12 You must abide by all current and future national, state,
- 13 and county orders relating to COVID-19, to include
- 14 self-quarantine requirements when traveling to Hawaii.
- 15 In addition to the special conditions of release as
- 16 specified -- as I've already specified, you are subject to the
- 17 following conditions:
- You must not commit any offense in violation of federal,
- 19 state, or local law while on release in this case.
- 20 You shall appear at all proceedings as required and shall
- 21 surrender for the service of any sentence imposed as directed.
- You must cooperate with the collection of DNA sample, if
- 23 authorized, by 42 U.S.C., Section 14135(a).
- 24 Ms. Davis, do you understand all of these conditions of
- 25 release?

- 1 THE DEFENDANT: I do.
- 2 THE COURT: Once you sign the bond and the release
- 3 conditions, all the conditions will be written out. Once you
- 4 sign them, you are indicating to the court you understand the
- 5 conditions of release, and you understand if you violate any of
- 6 those conditions of release, your pretrial release can be
- 7 revoked and you will be held detained at the Federal Detention
- 8 Center Honolulu.
- 9 Do you understand this?
- 10 THE DEFENDANT: Yes.
- 11 THE COURT: All right. Mr. Keller, is there
- 12 anything else we need to address at this time?
- 13 THE COURTROOM MANAGER: You're on mute.
- 14 MR. KELLER: Your Honor, I would just note, without,
- 15 of course, getting into the details because of the substance,
- 16 that the parties did also file a signed sealed addendum to the
- 17 plea agreement. I just wanted that to be -- to be on the
- 18 record, and that it's the government's understanding that
- 19 Ms. Lum Davis has consulted with counsel and third-party
- 20 counsel with respect to the issues addressed from the sealed
- 21 addendum.
- 22 THE COURT: So I have a problem with this sealed
- 23 addendum. Why is it sealed?
- MR. KELLER: Your Honor, because the
- 25 references -- the description in the sealed addendum would

- 1 potentially make it possible for individuals that are -- that
- 2 are referenced there, although they are not referenced by name,
- 3 to figure out that they are potential subjects of the
- 4 government's investigation given -- given the lengths that are
- 5 set forth in the sealed addendum, Your Honor.
- THE COURT: Well, I don't see any names that are
- 7 listed, so I don't understand that aspect of it. But I won't
- 8 address it. You didn't seek court approval to file it under
- 9 seal. So if there are any requests to unseal it, I got to tell
- 10 you at this point I would be inclined to grant it, but I'll
- 11 leave that for another day.
- MR. KELLER: Understood, Your Honor. I just wanted
- 13 to ensure that the sealed addendum was on the record as part of
- 14 the plea agreement. Thank you, Your Honor.
- THE COURT: It's part of the plea agreement? Okay.
- 16 I mean, you say it's an addendum, but I'll accept your
- 17 representation with regard to that. I just want to point out
- 18 that that's a concern with regard to the fact that it's filed
- 19 under seal. But that may be another thing for us to address at
- 20 another day.
- MR. KELLER: Understood, Your Honor.
- 22 THE COURT: All right. So we'll set the sentencing
- 23 date and time, Ms. Elkington.
- 24 THE COURTROOM MANAGER: Thank you, Your Honor.
- 25 Sentencing will be set for Wednesday, January 20th, 2021,

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1 at 11:00 A.M.
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- THE COURT: All right. That's the sentencing date
- 3 and time. Any questions or clarifications needed, Mr. Keller?
- 4 MR. KELLER: No, Your Honor.
- 5 THE COURT: Mr. Lowell?
- 6 MR. LOWELL: No, Your Honor.
- 7 THE COURT: Mr. Minkin -- I mean, Mr. McCorriston?
- 8 MR. MCCORRISTON: Neither of us.
- 9 THE COURT: All right. Very good. All right. So
- 10 you folks need then to contact Ms. Arima-Linscott and find out
- 11 how the bond and the papers are going to get -- that is, the
- 12 pretrial release conditions are going to be processed. And
- 13 then it sounds like you want her to seek courtesy supervision
- 14 by the Central District of California, so you need to contact
- 15 her and work with her with regard to those things.
- And once that's determined, then, Ms. Davis, you need to
- 17 report to the marshals office most likely at the Central
- 18 District of California, execute the bond and the release
- 19 condition papers, and to turn over your passport with regard to
- 20 that.
- 21 All right. If nothing further, then we are in recess.
- 22 Good day, everyone.
- THE COURTROOM MANAGER: Court is adjourned.
- 24 (Proceedings concluded at 11:55 A.M.)

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